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For : ROTOR FOR A PAPER STOCK PROCESSING MACHINE, ANTIWEAR
ELEMENT FOR SUCH A ROTOR, AND PAPER STOCK PROCESSING
APPARATUS



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Examiner: Unknown

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits the following documents for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicant submits herewith a copy of a European Search Report dated November 12, 1999 conducted in connection with European Patent Application No. 99111193.1-2314, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the European Examiner cited:

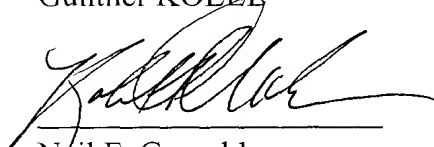
- (1) German Patent Application No. 196 49 764 published June 12, 1997 as an "X" category document (i.e., a document that calls into question of the novelty or inventive step when considered alone). In particular, the European Examiner noted the entire document as relevant to claims 1, 3 - 5, and 7 of the European application;

- (2) International Publication No. WO 98/49389 published November 5, 1998 as an "X" category document. In particular, the European Examiner noted the entire document as relevant to claims 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8 of the European application; and
- (3) Belgium Patent Application No. 1 010 118 published January 6, 1998 as an "X" category document. In particular, the European Examiner noted the entire document as relevant to claims 1 and 3 - 9 of the European application.

Copies of the above-listed documents (including the European Search Report) are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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